

RUE?

(Are you read-y?)

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My co-worker arrives at work an hour earlier on Fridays than he does on the other days. Even knowing exactly what time he's due to arrive, I find myself scurrying around near the top of the hour, knowing he'll be here “any minute.”

What about being ready for Christ? Are we doing all we can to prepare – to be ready?

He is indeed coming soon. Just because we don't know the exact day or the exact hour is no excuse for “lounging around.”

In Matthew 24:44, it says,

*Therefore you also be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour you do not expect.*

When I was little, my mother would let me spend the weekend with friends. We would play, swim, jump on the bed like a trampoline (against house rules), eat junk food, play board games and “hide-n-go-seek”—whatever we could find to do that was “fun.”

Then came the appointed time for “pick up.”

If my mother arrived even one minute early, I was distraught. “Already??? Awwwww” I would pout, looking and sounding quite pitiful.

In my childish mind, each arrival was painful; and each *early* arrival was excruciating – putting an end to my indulgence of “fun.”

Is that how we think of *Christ's* return?

Are we so engrossed in our earthly “fun and frolic”
that we actually aren't “looking up”
in hopes of His arrival?

Isn't Heaven going to be better?

What are we so unwilling to give up?

What's keeping you from “looking up”?

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